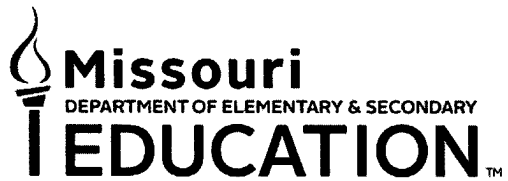


Exhibit 4



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Re: Demand to the State/DESE to Cease Violating the Court's
March 12, 1999 Order and the Desegregation Settlement
Agreement in Liddell, et al. v. Board of Education

Dear Mr. St. Omer, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Douthit:

On January 28, 2016, Chris Koster, Missouri Attorney General, and Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education for the state of Missouri, received a demand letter from you. As you know, the letter alleged that the State of Missouri and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("DESE") were in violation of the above-mentioned Court's Order and the Desegregation Settlement Agreement in the Liddell, et al. v. Board of Education case.

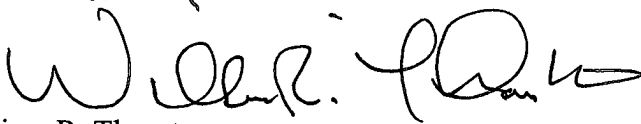
James Layton, Solicitor General for the Missouri Attorney General, and I met with you on February 15, 2016, to discuss and possibly resolve this issue. In addition, the demand letter stated an intention to pursue this matter in federal court after February 15, 2016.

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We believe that the State of Missouri is distributing funds in accordance with the Court's approved Desegregation Settlement Agreement and Missouri state statutes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Thornton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William R. Thornton

c: Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education
Mr. Chris Koster, Missouri Attorney General
Mr. James Layton, Solicitor General for the Attorney General of Missouri